



## environment, forestry & fisheries

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### PER EMAIL / MAIL

Dear Mr Brambilla

### **AMENDMENT OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL AUTHORISATION ISSUED ON 16 JULY 2013 FOR THE BOESMANLAND SOLAR FARM PORTION 6 (A PORTION OF PORTION 2), FARM 62 ZUURWATER, AGGENEYS, NORTHERN CAPE PROVINCE**

The Environmental Authorisation (EA) issued for the abovementioned application by this Department on 16 July 2013, the amendments to the EA dated 22 February 2016, 30 July 2018 and 12 August 2020, your application for amendment of the EA received by the Department on 05 June 2023, and the acknowledgement letter dated 08 June 2023, refer.

Based on a review of the reason for requesting an amendment to the above EA, this Department, in terms of Chapter 5 of the Environmental Impact Assessment Regulations, 2014 as amended, has decided to amend the EA dated 16 July 2013 as amended, as follows:

#### **Amendment 1: Change the email address of the EA Holder**

##### **From**

m.michalowska@redrocket.energy

##### **to**

m.logan@redrocket.energy

##### **Reason for amendment**

The email address for the Holder of the EA has changed and therefore the EA needs to be updated.

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**Amendment 2: Inclusion of gridline infrastructure properties into the EA**

	Farm Name	SG Codes
Black Mountain Mine	Portion 1 of Farm Aggeneys 56	C05300000000056000001
Aggeneys Eskom Substation	Portion 2 of Farm Aggeneys	C05300000000056000002

**Reason for amendment**

The department made an error when issuing the EA. The overhead powerlines transverse two properties. The two properties were assessed in the EIA but not include in the Environmental Authorisation

**Amendment 3: Extension of the validity period of the EA by additional ten (10) years**

The commencement period of the EA issued on 16 July 2013, which was due to expire on 16 July 2023, is hereby extended by an additional ten years (10) years to 16 July 2033. Condition 7 of the EA dated 16 July 2013, is thus amended as follows:

*"7. This activity must commence within a period of twenty (20) years from the date of issue of this authorisation (i.e. the authorisation lapses on 16 July 2033). If commencement of the activity does not occur within that period, the authorisation lapses and a new application for environmental authorisation must be made in order for the activity to be undertaken."*

**The reason for the amendment is as follows:**

The project is intended to be bid into future rounds of the Department of Mineral Resources and Energy's (DMRE) Renewable Energy Independent Power Producer Procurement (REIPPP) Programme. A valid EA will be required for future project development and bid submission purposes; therefore, the commencement period of the EA was required to be extended. The amendment will not lead to the occurrence of any negative environmental impacts, other than those already assessed in the Environmental Impact Assessment.

This amendment letter must be read in conjunction with the EA dated 16 July 2013 as amended.

In terms of the Promotion of Administrative Justice Act, 2000 (Act No 3 of 2000), you are entitled to the right to fair, lawful and reasonable administrative action; and to written reasons for administrative action that affects you negatively. Further your attention is drawn to the provisions of the Protection of Personal Information Act, 2013 (Act no. 4 of 2013) which stipulate that the Department should conduct itself in a responsible manner when collecting, processing, storing and sharing an individual or another entity's personal information by holding the Department accountable should the Department abuse or compromise your personal information in any way.

In terms of Regulation 4(2) of the Environmental Impact Assessment Regulations, 2014, as amended (the EIA Regulations), you are instructed to notify all registered interested and affected parties, in writing and within 14 (fourteen) days of the date of the EA, of the Department's decision, as well as the provisions regarding the submission of appeals that are contained in the Regulations.

Your attention is drawn to Chapter 2 of National Environmental Management Act, 1998 (Act No. 107 of 1998) National Appeal Regulations published under Government Notice R993 in Government Gazette No. 38303 dated 08 December 2014 (National Appeal Regulations, 2014), which prescribes the appeal procedure to be followed. Kindly include a copy of this document (National Appeal Regulations, 2014) with the letter of notification to interested and affected parties in this matter.

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Should any person wish to lodge an appeal against this decision, he/she must submit the appeal to the appeal administrator, and a copy of the appeal to the applicant, any registered interested and affected party, and any organ of state with interest in the matter within 20 days from the date that the notification of the decision was sent to the registered interested and affected parties by the applicant; or the date that the notification of the decision was sent to the applicant by the Department, whichever is applicable.

**Appeals must be submitted in writing in the prescribed form to:**

The Director: Appeals and Legal Review of this Department at the below mentioned addresses.

By email: [appeals@dffe.gov.za](mailto:appeals@dffe.gov.za) ;

By hand: Environment House  
473 Steve Biko,  
Arcadia,  
Pretoria,  
0083; or

By post: Private Bag X447,  
Pretoria,  
0001;

Please note that in terms of Section 43(7) of the National Environmental Management Act, Act No. 107 of 1998, as amended, the lodging of an appeal will suspend the environmental authorisation, or any provision or condition attached thereto. In the instance where an appeal is lodged, you may not commence with the activity until such time that the appeal is finalised.

To obtain the prescribed appeal form and for guidance on the submission of appeals, please visit the Department's website at [https://www.environment.gov.za/documents/forms#legal\\_authorisations](https://www.environment.gov.za/documents/forms#legal_authorisations) or request a copy of the documents at [appeals@dffe.gov.za](mailto:appeals@dffe.gov.za).

Yours faithfully



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**Chief Director: Integrated Environmental Authorisations**  
**Department of Environment, Forestry and Fisheries**  
**Date: 12/09/2023**

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